ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Mr. W. C. Sullivan 6/19/69

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JURE

C. C. Moore

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Pursuant to your instructions, information is set forth below regarding discontinuance of the telephone surveillance on the Atlanta, Georgia, residence of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The above-mentioned telephone surveillance was discontinued on April 30, 1965, when King changed residences in Atlanta. At that time matters of interest to us pertaining to King and his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), were being obtained through a telephone surveillance on the Atlanta headquarters of SCLC. This telephone surveillance on SCLC in Atlanta was in existance from November 8, 1963, to June 21, 1966, when former Attorney General Nicholas de Katzenbach ordered it discontinued because of the involvement of an SCLC official (Hosea Williams) in a car theft case.

Attached is a copy of Atlanta airtel May 19, 1965, showing the discontinuance of the telephone surveillance on King on April 30, 1965.

ACTION:

For information.

Enclosure

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. J. H. Bishop
1 - Mr. C. C. Moore
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
-- Attn: Mr. Rozanus
1 - Mr. C. E. Glass
1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

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Honorable Spiro T. Agnew

On July 25, 1963, Mr. Kennedy changed his mind concerning his request and thought it ill-advised at that time, but on October 7, 1963, a request for authority to place a telephone surveillance on King's residence was sent to Mr. Kennedy. On October 10, 1963, he authorized this surveillance and a surveillance on any future residence of King by his written signature.

This telephone surveillance was installed on November 8, 1963, and was discontinued on April 30, 1965.

The President and the Attorney General have also been furnished this information.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. C. D. Deloach, dated 6/16/69, captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Security Matter - Communist," prepared by TJD:fsh.

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